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Year Ended 31st December, 1965

BOROUGH OF CONGLETON
REPORT ON THE
HEALTH AND SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE BOROUGH
for the


Year ended 31st December, 1965

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To the Mayor, Aldermen and Members of the Congleton Borough Council,
Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present to you the Annual Report for the year 1965, on the Health and Sanitary Circumstances of the Borough.

There has been an increase in the estimated population of 340 and this now stands at 17,740. There was a fall of 50 in the number of births and a rise of 46 in the number of deaths so that the increase in population is wholly accounted for by an influx of new residents.

Coronary Disease of the heart accounts for the largest single number of deaths. This reflects the National figure where this disease causes more deaths than any other condition, probably 60,000 per annum. I have in previous Annual Reports gone into the various theories as to why in recent years there should be this big increase. There is no doubt that a variety of factors play their part such as overeating and excess of starchy foods, smoking, but most important of all lack of sufficient regular daily exercise.

In recent months new developments are taking place in the treatment of Coronary Thrombosis which in some medical units can reduce the mortality by 30%. There are many instances in this disease where a relatively small thrombosis causes the heart to stop beating. In the U.S.A. certain medical units have been established labelled Intensive Cardiac Care Units where if the patient can be got there quickly the heart could be restarted by electrical means and life restored. These units would have to be linked with Ambulance Teams of first aid practitioners who are trained in external cardiac massage and mouth breathing.

I think our Regional Hospital Boards should give consideration to the establishment of such Units. I know a great deal of training and expense would be involved but if thousands of valuable lives could be saved each year this would more than justify the expense. There are one or two units already established in this Country but this service should be made available to all if possible.

There were 25 cases of measles notified this year but we must remember that in a measles year this can run into several hundred. Last year there were 305 cases notified.

We have now got available an effective and safe vaccine. At the present time our Ministry of Health have made it available to General Practitioners but have discouraged Local Health Authorities from undertaking mass vaccination. In my view this is an extremely short-sighted policy. The argument against mass vaccination is that measles is mainly non-virulent in character and symptoms are easily controllable by antibiotics. But nevertheless the disease still carries a mortality. It is no consolation to a parent who loses a child through measles that the incidence of death is ten times as less frequent than it was twenty years ago. The expense of treating measles is very considerable,

taking up a lot of the Doctor's time, and using up enormous amounts of drugs. This cost in my view far outweighs the cost of immunisation.

In deciding for or against general vaccination against measles the nuisance value of the disease to the community must be given serious consideration. In our society where with many homes both parents work full time measles may cause serious social and financial disturbance and loss to a family. The upset in schools during a measles epidemic is quite serious. Whole classes can virtually be emptied whilst we continue to pay for a service which cannot be used.

Despite the fact that our Council agreed to the Fluoridation of the Water Supplies, which was supported by the County Health Committee, the County Council were induced to reject this progressive measure. I need not here go into all the arguments for and against but suffice it to say that for the present good sense and good health have suffered a reverse. The activities of a vociferous minority have succeeded in putting the clock back.

Once more I tender my sincere thanks to Mr. J. Mee, the Town Clerk and his Deputy, Mr. H. Lawton, for their help and guidance, throughout the year. In particular I should like to draw attention to the work of the Chief Public Health Inspector whose constant assistance has enabled me to carry out my duties. I frequently consult with the Engineer and Surveyor, Mr. A. B. Watson and the Housing Manager, Mr. L. A. Watson and to both these officers I am indebted for their ready and forthcoming assistance at all times.

I beg to remain,
Your obedient Servant,

L. Rich,

Medical Officer of Health.

The figures in brackets throughout this report are for 1964.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS

Extracts from Vital Statistics

Estimated population 17740 (17400)

BIRTHS

		<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Live Births	(Legitimate)	282 (339)	146 (171)	136 (168)
	(Illegitimate)	11 (5)	3 (4)	8 (1)
Still Births	(Legitimate)	6 (5)	3 (3)	3 (2)
	(Illegitimate)	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)

Live birth rate per 1000 estimated average population mid 1965-16.5 (19.7)

Live birth rate for England and Wales per 1000 of the population - 18.1 (18.4)

Still birth rate per 1000 total (Live and Still) births - 20 (14.3)

Still birth rate for England and Wales per 1000 total (Live and Still) births - 15.7 (16.3)

Still birth rate per 1000 total population - .33 (.28)

INFANTILE MORTALITY

The total number of deaths is shown as follows:-

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Legitimate	6 (4)	3 (1)	3 (3)
Illegitimate	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)

Infantile mortality rate per 1000 live births - 20.4 (11.6)

Infantile mortality rate for England and Wales - 19 (20)

Legitimate infants per 1000 legitimate live births - 21.2 (11.7)

Illegitimate infants per 1000 illegitimate live births - (0)

DEATHS

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Deaths, all ages	227 (181)	103 (93)	124 (88)

Death rate per 1000 estimated average population - 12.7 (10.7)

Death rate for England and Wales per 1000 of the population - 11.5 (11.3)

The following table shows the deaths from all causes within the district during the past year.

Cause	Total	Male	Female
Tuberculosis, respiratory	2	1	1
Tuberculosis, other	-	-	-
Syphilitic disease	2	1	1
Diphtheria	-	-	-
Whooping Cough	-	-	-
Meningococcal Infections	-	-	-
Acute Poliomyelitis	-	-	-
Measles	-	-	-
Other infective and parasitic disease	-	-	-
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	9	5	4
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	4	1	3
Malignant neoplasm, breast	5	-	5
Malignant neoplasm, uterus	5	-	5
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	20	12	8
Leukaemia, aleukaemia	-	-	-
Diabetes	2	-	2
Vascular lesions of nervous system	45	15	30
Coronary disease, angina	52	32	20
Hypertension with heart disease	1	1	-
Other heart diseases	17	2	15
Other circulatory disease	12	6	6
Influenza	-	-	-
Pneumonia	4	2	2
Bronchitis	13	8	5
Other diseases of respiratory system	2	1	1
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	1	-	1
Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	1	1	-
Nephritis and Nephrosis	1	-	1
Hyperplasia of prostate	1	1	-
Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	1	-	1
Congenital malformations	-	-	-
Other defined and ill defined diseases	14	7	7
Motor vehicle accidents	5	4	1
All other accidents	3	2	1
Suicide	4	1	3
Homicide and operations of war	1	-	1
Total	227	103	124

Deaths from Puerperal and Maternal causes

No. of deaths

Puerperal Sepsis	(-)
Other maternal causes	(-)

Maternal Mortality rate per 1000 Live and Still Births (-)

Cancer of the Lung and Bronchus

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
1950	1	1	-
1951	4	3	1
1952	4	4	-
1953	3	2	1
1954	5	4	1
1955	3	3	-
1956	8	6	2
1957	5	4	1
1958	6	6	-
1959	5	4	1
1960	6	5	1
1961	8	8	-
1962	7	6	1
1963	9	9	-
1964	3	2	1
1965	4	1	3

GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA

Care of Mothers and Young Children

The Heath Visitors serving in this area are as follows:-

Miss M. Corbishley, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V.

Nursery Lane
Clinic,
Congleton.
Tel. Cong. 2261

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Congleton.
Tel. Cong. 2261

CLINIC NURSE

Mrs. A.N. Thursfield

Nursery Lane
Clinic,
Congleton.
Tel. Cong. 2261

Clinic Services

A variety of services are provided at the Clinic which is very heavily used. For information the following regular sessions are held.

- a. Infant Welfare Clinic
- b. Cervical Smear Session
- c. Ante-Natal Clinic
- d. Hearing Tests for babies
- e. Teaching for Deaf Children
- f. Speech Clinic
- g. Immunisation Sessions
- h. Dental Clinic
- i. Minor Aliment Clinic
- j. Child Guidance Work
- k. Health Advisory Clinic for Elderly Persons.

In addition the Clinic Nurse is constantly in attendance to deal with problems and enquiries. We also have from time to time Health Education classes where film shows and demonstrations are given.

We also make available a session at which the Chiropodist attends to give treatment to elderly and handicapped persons.

Clinic Foods Sold during 1965

Cow and Gate	2421
Ostermilk	864
Trufood	50
S.M.A.	1349
Triple Pack	85
Farex	168
High Protein Cereal	118
Trufood Cereal	27
Spoonfoods	1787
Rose Hip Syrup	2202
Ribena	510
A. & D. Liquid	635
Minadex	68
Virol	208
Vitavel	348
Farlene	515
Robsoups	419
Juvel	826
Twin Pack	63
Mixed Cereal	21
Groats	22
Baby Rice	47
Farley's Rusks	629
Liga Biscuits	207
Complan	44

Statistics

Mothers Clinics	New Cases	Total Attendances	No. of Clinics held
Ante-natal	71 (84)	393 (440)	51 (50)
Dental			
Pre-natal	8 (6)	18 (11)	
Nursing Mothers	28 (20)	60 (56)	
Dentures supplied	3 (10)		

Infant Welfare

New Cases			Total Attendances			No. of Clinics held	Cases seen by Doctor	Average per Clinic seen by Doctor
0-1	1-2	2-5	0-1	1-2	2-5			
259	-	-	2413	811	163	48	606	12.6
(251)	(-)	(-)	(2589)	(467)	(96)	(48)	(450)	(9.3)

Special Clinics for under 5

	New Cases	Total Attendances	No. of Clinics held	Average Per Clinic
Ophthalmic Clinic	26 (8)	71 (44)	23 (23)	3.1 (1.9)
E.N.T. Clinic	4 (9)	9 (15)	9 (7)	1 (2.1)

Special Clinics for School Children

	New Cases	Total Attendances	No. of Clinics held	Average Per Clinic
Ophthalmic Clinic	61 (44)	413 (368)	26 (23)	15.8 (16)
E.N.T. Clinic	34 (27)	64 (58)	12 (7)	5.3 (8.3)

Welfare Foods Sold - 1965

Distribution Centre	National F.Cream	Dried Milk H.Cream	A. & D. Tablets	Cod Liver Oil	Orange Juice
Nursery Lane Clinic and Divisional Medical Office	2084 (1868)	29 (84)	548 (726)	296 (358)	4565 (4910)

DAY NURSERY

We have in Congleton one of the most successful and efficient Day Nurseries in Cheshire. Despite the frequency of infections that occur in young children we are nearly always full. Although we work in an old building a great deal has been done to modernise and improve and in many respects is better than some of the more modern buildings being erected.

Wherever possible mothers should stay at home to rear their own children and certainly during the first eighteen months no child should be admitted.

However, mothers will continue to go to work and it is our duty to safeguard the interests of the children by providing satisfactory facilities.

We are awaiting the installation of an oil fired central heating system and once this work is completed it is hoped to apply to the Ministry to be recognised as a teaching centre for Nursery Nurses.

Many of the girls at both our secondary schools express a desire to go in for this kind of work. We have an excellent staff and with a proper building, which we have, we should qualify as such a Centre.

Day Nursery - Attendances 1965

	<u>Average No. Attending</u>	<u>Total Attendances</u>
0-2 years	9 (10.2)	2195 (2484)
2-5 years	35.2 (32.2)	8621 (7880)

Jan. %	Feb. %	Mar. %	Apr. %	May. %	June. %	July. %	Aug. %
94.3 (86.8)	97.8 (94.5)	95.7 (81)	98.3 (73.1)	90. (89.2)	89.1 (91)	90.4 (82)	75.6 (68.5)

Sept. %	Oct. %	Nov. %	Dec. %	1964 %
95.1 (94.5)	95.1 (93.2)	94.3 (96.1)	85.9 (92.5)	91.8 (86.8)

Midwifery

Nurse M.S.Bowman, 4 High Lowe Avenue, Congleton, combines the duties of Home Nurse with that of District Midwife.

Nurse Wright resigned on 31st March, 1965, on retirement. The Doctors in Congleton and District in tribute to her work made her a presentation as did all her colleagues.

It will be noted from the figures that there has been a considerable fall in the number of home confinements.

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Births - 1965

Hospital		Home		Private N.Home	
Live	Still	Live	Still	Live	Still
235 (252)	5 (4)	43 (73)	1 (1)	- (1)	- (-)

Once again it is satisfactory to report that with an increase in the number of births there have been no maternal deaths.

Home Nursing

Two District Nurses are resident in Congleton Borough.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Tele. No.</u>
M.S. Bowman	4 High Lane Avenue, Buglawton, Congleton.	Con. 3444
B. Morris	24 The Westlands, Congleton.	Con. 2104

The Home Nurses work in close co-operation with the Family Doctors and give a high level of service. With the increasing difficulty of getting patients into hospital, particularly old people, more and more work is falling on to their shoulders. To meet the call a considerable amount of nursing equipment of every kind is used and when required, which is frequent, domestic help is provided.

Meals on Wheels

One cannot speak too highly of the work being done through this service. 36 meals are served twice each week and in addition numerous social visits throughout the year are carried out by these ladies. On occasions assistance has been given by the W.V.S. to old people who have been moved into bungalows. Tribute should be paid to Mrs. Nichols and all her loyal band of W.V.S. workers.

Public Health Laboratory Service

A new laboratory has opened at Chester which we find more convenient than going into Manchester.

Completed Primary Courses - Persons Under Age 16
(South-East Cheshire)

Type of Vaccine	Year of Birth					Others Under 16	Total	
	1965	1964	1963	1962	1961-58		At Clinics	By G.P.'s.
Quadruple	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Triple (D/W.C./T.)	394	703	142	63	60	27	589	800
Diphtheria/Whooping Cough	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Diphtheria/Tetanus	-	6	2	1	5	2	12	4
Diphtheria	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Whooping Cough	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tetanus	-	-	-	6	4	18	5	23
Polio-Salk	-	-	-	3	6	33	-	42
Polio-Sabin	286	833	249	130	267	163	659	1269

Reinforcing Doses - Persons under Age 16
(South-East Cheshire)

Type of Vaccine	Year of Birth					Others Under 16	Total	
	1965	1964	1963	1962	1961-58		At Clinics	By G.P.'s.
Quadruple	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Triple (D/W.C./T)	-	19	49	33	164	39	202	102
Diphtheria/Whooping Cough	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Diphtheria/Tetanus	-	3	8	3	311	77	310	92
Diphtheria	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	2
Whooping Cough	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tetanus	-	-	1	-	3	5	-	9
Polio-Salk	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Polio-Sabin	-	8	34	63	698	656	596	863

Smallpox Vaccination - Persons Under Age 16
(South-East Cheshire)

	Year of Birth				Others Under 16	Total	At Clinics	By G.P.'s.
	1965	1964	1963-61	1960-51				
Vaccinated	30	399	279	29	3	740		
Re-Vaccinated	-	2	10	26	4	42	420	362

Domestic Help Service

The demands for this service continue to be high, and I am pleased to report that most of them in Congleton continue to be met.

Home Helps employed during 1965

Full time	-	(-)
Part time	<u>48</u>	<u>(50)</u>
	<u>48</u>	<u>(50)</u>

Home Helps employed at 31st December, 1965

Full time	-	(-)
Part time	<u>33</u>	<u>(28)</u>
	<u>33</u>	<u>(28)</u>

Applications received during 1965

Confinement	8	(3)
Sickness	10	(12)
Others	-	(-)
Aged & Infirm	<u>35</u>	<u>(28)</u>
	<u>53</u>	<u>(43)</u>

Cases attended during 1965

Confinement	6	(4)
Sickness	20	(23)
Others	-	(-)
Aged & Infirm	<u>101</u>	<u>(70)</u>
	<u>127</u>	<u>(97)</u>

Cases receiving attention at 31st December, 1965

Confinement	-	(-)
Sickness	12	(20)
Others	-	(-)
Aged & Infirm	<u>81</u>	<u>(50)</u>
	<u>93</u>	<u>(70)</u>

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

I am indebted to Mr.A.B.Watson, Borough Engineer and Surveyor, for the following information.

Drainage and Sewerage

Extensive private development has continued within the Borough during

the year in West Heath, Lower Heath, Buglawton and Mossley areas. In all cases the development has required extension of the existing drainage system.

Public Cleansing

A total of approximately 6,200 tons of household refuse have been disposed of by controlled tipping during the year. The practice of collecting salvagable waste paper from domestic premises was discontinued during the year. Collection of salvage from trade premises was undertaken by private contractors.

Housing

Number of Council Houses completed in 1965:-

Houses	-	(-)
Single Persons Flats	-	(-)
2 Bed Maisonettes	-	(-)
Shops	-	(-)
1-Bedroom Type bungalows	-	(10)

Private houses completed in 1964. 205 (230)

Number of applicants on the waiting list at 31st December, 1964 (excluding applications for aged persons' bungalows) 252 (230)

Number of visits re housing
applications by Medical Officer
of Health and Public Health
Inspector 16 (23)

PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS DISEASE

Notifiable Diseases (other than Tuberculosis)
during the year 1965.

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Tuberculosis

For comparative purposes I have recorded the notifications of Tuberculosis during 1965 in conjunction with the notifications of this disease received each year since 1956.

Notifications - 1956 to 1965

	1956		1957		1958		1959		1960		1961		1962		1963		1964		1965	
	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP
MALE Up to 1 Year																				
1 - 5																				
5 - 15															1		1			
15 - 25										1										
25 - 35	1		1				1				1						1		2	
35 - 45			3			1				1							1		2	
45 - 55	4		2		2				1				1	1						
55 - 65	2		2						1				1	2			1		1	
65 & Over	1								1		1						1			
FEMALE Up to 1 Year																				
1 - 5																				
5 - 15															2					
15 - 25	2		3	1	1			1		1	1							1		
25 - 35			1		1					1				1						
35 - 45	1		1							1										
45 - 55	1		1														1	1		1
55 - 65			1				1													
65 & Over							1	1	1											
Total	12	-	15	1	4	1	2	2	5	-	6	1	1	1	7	-	6	1	6	1

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DEATHS - 1956/65

	1956		1957		1958		1959		1960		1961		1962		1963		1964		1965	
	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP
MALE																				
Up to 1 Year																				
1 - 5																				
5 - 15																				
15 - 25																				
25 - 35	1																			
35 - 45																				
45 - 55	2														1					
55 - 65			1										1		2				1	
65 & Over	3				1							1								
FEMALE																				
Up to 1 Year																				
1 - 5																				
5 - 15																				
15 - 25																				
25 - 35																				
35 - 45			1																	
45 - 55												1								
55 - 65																				
65 & Over							1												1	
Total	6	-	2	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	3	-	3	-	-	-	2	-	-

Cases on the Tuberculosis Register

at 31st December, 1965, were as follows:-

	Up to 1 Yr.	1-4	5-14	15-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65 & Over	Total
Male Pulmonary	-	-	1	3	6	10	7	13	10	50
Female Pulmonary	-	-	2	4	10	9	5	8	5	43
Male Non-Pulmonary	-	-	2	6	4	3	5	1	-	21
Female Non-Pulmonary	-	-	-	4	2	-	1	4	5	16

THE FOLLOWING SECTIONS OF THIS REPORT COVER THE
WORK OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR'S DEPARTMENT
AND HAVE BEEN COMPILED BY MR. R. G. WHISTON.

It was found impossible to fill the vacant post of Additional Public Health Inspector during the year and not until the maximum N.J.C. Grading of APT III/IV with essential user car allowance was adopted by the Council, was it possible to obtain applications for the post. This meant that for the whole year I was working alone and so routine inspections under the Factories Act, Food & Drugs Act, and the Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, were not carried out nor was any work possible to initiate action under the Council's slum clearance programme.

I am glad to say however, that 100% meat inspection was maintained although it was necessary on one occasion to call on the services for one week of an Inspector from Wilmslow U.D.C. to do Meat Inspection duties and my thanks are due to them and Mr. Arnold, the Inspector concerned, for his services. All complaints were investigated, routine water sampling was done, Improvement Grants and special visits to some food and other premises were carried out.

The number of complaints of rats continued to be numerous and this meant that the Rodent Operative was very busy during the year.

PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, 1936

Complaints

During the year 123 complaints were received and investigated; 24 of these were unfounded.

20 were found to be relating to dangerous structures, waste of water and other matters, and were referred to the Departments concerned.

Nuisances

Following complaints, and as a result of routine survey, 103 houses were inspected, a total of 83 nuisances found and 64 informal notices issued, 187 visits were made to houses previously inspected and 78 nuisances found to be abated. 60 informal notices were complied with. 2 formal notices were served and complied with.

Drainage

The repair of existing drainage was supervised and necessary testing done. 326 visits were made in connection with this work and the tracing of existing drainage at various properties.

Water Supply

Routine samples were taken monthly from each of the town's systems of supply, from the Baths at the National Children's Home and also during the season from the Council's Swimming Baths. The Public Health Laboratory Service, Chester, carried out Bacteriological Examination of the samples and the reports were satisfactory.

Routine sampling of the private supply to five houses on Cloudside was continued and the reports were satisfactory until July when evidence of some pollution was shown. The occupants of the houses concerned were notified and advised that all water used for drinking purposes or the washing of food eaten raw should be boiled before use. They were advised to make arrangements with the Macclesfield and District Water Board for connection to the mains supply. The water main concerned is in the roadway immediately in front of the houses and other houses in the vicinity were connected several years ago.

On survey it was found that all except 27 (80 occupants) of the houses in the Borough have piped water inside the houses from public water mains.

Disinfestation

The houses and household effects of new tenants for Council Houses are inspected and where necessary disinfestation is undertaken before removal. For this and other reasons 31 inspections have been carried out and treatments were found to be necessary in one case.

Infectious Disease and Disinfection

The incidence of notifiable diseases continued to be very low and the necessary investigation and disinfection was carried out.

Public Mortuary

This service is under the charge of the Department and during the year there were 30 admissions.

COMMON LODGING HOUSES

There are no common lodging houses registered.

CARAVAN SITES AND CONTROL OF DEVELOPMENT ACT 1960

The licensed caravan site at Timbersbrook was visited regularly and, apart from odd minor items, was kept in good condition and very satisfactorily conducted.

A Discontinuance Order was made by the Council on the 22nd March in respect of the site at Astbury Marsh and following an appeal by the operator, notification was received from the Ministry of Housing and Local Government that a further Public Inquiry would be held in April, 1966.

NOISE ABATEMENT ACT 1960

A petition was received complaining of noise during the evening and through the night from a factory and on investigation this was found to be due to a compressor motor. By more secure fixing of the machine and the fitting of a silencer, the noise was reduced very quickly and within a few weeks the compressor was moved to a new site and there was no further nuisance.

A complaint from a single household was received of noise from the in-let opening to a fan and following representation to the Management this nuisance was also abated.

It seems to me with the advent of evening and night working at factories in the town and due to the fact that industry and dwellings are in close proximity to each other, it is quite likely that further complaints of a like nature will arise.

CLEAN AIR ACT 1956

Up-to-date leaflets from various Authorities were submitted to the Council and on consideration they decided not to proceed with making any Smoke Control Orders under the Act.

Generally speaking the industrial chimneys in the Borough operated well within the limits laid down under the Act and in many cases operated virtually smokelessly.

HOUSING ACTS 1957-1964

38 houses were inspected under the provisions of the Housing Acts and 216 revisits made. 23 houses in Clearance Areas were demolished and 4 areas completely cleared.

5 individual houses were demolished as a result of Demolition Orders or by informal action. 4 houses were vacated and closed.

No Clearance Areas were represented, but a Compulsory Purchase Order was made in respect of an Area of 17 houses represented in 1964.

A Compulsory Purchase Order for a Clearance Area of 8 houses was confirmed by the Ministry of Housing and Local Government.

Following applications for advances under the Housing (Financial Provisions) Act 1958, 30 houses were inspected and reports submitted to the Council.

Improvements Grants

21 applications for Standard Grants and 4 for Discretionary Grants were received and approved.

RENT ACT 1957

Certificates of Disrepair

No applications for Certificates of Disrepair were received.

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT 1955

197 inspections of premises used for the preparation, storage or sale of food were carried out. 23 contraventions were found and 6 informal notices issued. On re-inspection 43 contraventions had been abated and 14 notices complied with.

Ice-Cream

There are 12 premises registered for the manufacture of ice-cream but only two in fact are making ice-cream and they use the "cold mix" method.

95 premises are registered for the sale of ice-cream.

27 inspections have been made.

Preserved Food

40 premises are registered for the manufacture of preserved food (sausages, potted and pressed meats, etc.) and 5 inspections of these premises were carried out.

Slaughterhouses

The two slaughterhouses in the Borough were re-licensed for a further year but at only one of these was any slaughtering carried out.

All animals killed were inspected in accordance with the Meat Inspection Regulations, 1963, and carcasses passed as fit marked in accordance with the Regulations.

All meat and offal condemned is placed in the receptacles provided, stained with naphthalene green and removed on the Council's behalf by Messrs. Beeson Bros., of Crewe.

Slaughter of Animals Act, 1958

The stunning of all animals in the Borough is carried out by means of captive bolt pistols.

25 Slaughtermen's Licences were renewed and 2 new licences granted.

Milk and Dairies Regulations, 1960

Registered are 8 Dairies and 79 Distributors.

10 visits have been made in connection with registration and licensing.

"MILK SUPPLIES - BRUCELLA ABORTUS"

	Total Submitted	Number Brucella Positive
Bulk Samples	32	-
Dealer Samples	124	1
Individual Cow Samples	11	3
Total	167	4
There were, at the end of 1965, 14 dairy herds in the district from which milk was sold raw to the public.		

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT 1949

The Council has one full-time operative whose duties are concerned with the destruction of rats and mice.

55 visits have been made by Public Health Inspectors in connection with complaints and general supervision.

All work at business premises was carried out after written or verbal intimation had been given and no statutory notices have been served.

A summary of the incidence and treatment carried out is appended.

Maintenance Treatment for Rats in Sewers

It is estimated that there are 800 manholes in the Borough and a test bait of 10% of these was undertaken and two treatments carried out during the year.

FACTORY ACT 1961

9 inspections have been made. 4 contraventions were found, and 5 contraventions were remedied.

Outworkers

No lists of outworkers were submitted from factories in the area.

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT 1963

Only 4 general inspections were carried out during the year, 5 contraventions were noted and 2 informal notices issued.

52 re-inspections were made to premises where contraventions were noted in 1964, and it was found that 16 notices had been complied with and 25 contraventions remedied.

Premises registered at the end of the year were as follows:-

Office	-	38
Retail Shops	-	141
Wholesale Shops, warehouses	-	5
Catering establishments	-	8
Fuel storage depots	-	<u>2</u>
Total		<u>194</u>

A total of 787 persons (Males 335, Females 452) are shown as employed in the premises registered.

SCRAP METAL DEALERS ACT 1964

Applications were received from four Dealers in the Borough and these were all registered by the Council

TABLES AND STATISTICAL INFORMATION

Summary of visits and inspections

<u>General</u>	<u>No. of Visits</u>
Water Supply	61
Drainage	326
Stables and Piggeries	1
Swimming Baths	3
Noise Abatement	47
Caravans	21
Factories	9
Bakchouses	1
Scrap Metal Dealers	1
Cinemas	1
Refuse Disposal	14
Rats and Mice	55
Atmospheric Pollution	54
Schools	4
Miscellaneous Visits	230
Interviewing and Appointments	177

HOUSING

Under Public Health Acts

No. of Houses inspected	103
Re-visits to houses previously inspected	187

Under Housing Acts and Housing (Financial Provisions) Act 1958

No. of houses inspected	39
Re-visits to houses previously inspected	218

Vermineous Premises

No. of inspections	31
Found verminous and disinfested	1
Miscellaneous Housing Visits	65
Improvement Grants	80

Infectious Diseases

Inquiries	4
Visits re Disinfection	3
Miscellaneous Infectious Disease Visits	15

Food Premises and Food Inspection

No. of Visits

Visits to Slaughterhouses	230
Butchers	32
Factory Canteens	6
Dairies and Milkshops	10
Fishmongers and Poulterers	14
Food preparing premises	5
Grocers	68
Greengrocers & Fruiterers	4
Ice-cream premises	27
Restaurants	23
Vehicles	6
Licensed Premises	2
Miscellaneous Food Visits	1

Offices, Shops & Railway Premises

Offices	38
Retail Shops	21
Wholesale shops, Warehouses	2
Caterers	3
Fuel Storage	2

Summary of Notices Served

No. of informal notices served	73
No. of informal notices complied with	94
No. of statutory notices served	2
No. of statutory notices complied with	2

Housing (Consolidated) Regulations, 1925-1932

No. of houses which on inspection were considered to be unfit for human habitation	1
No. of houses, the defects in which were remedied in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officer under Public Health or Housing Acts	60
No. of representations made to the local Authority with a view to:-	
(a) Serving of notices requiring the execution of works (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	NIL
(b) the making of demolition or closing orders	1
No. of notices served requiring the execution of works (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	2
No. of houses which were rendered fit after the service of formal notices (under the Public Health or Housing Acts)	2

No. of Demolition Orders made	NIL
No. of Closing Orders made	NIL
No. of houses in respect of which an undertaking was accepted under Sub-Section (3) of Section 16 of the Housing Act 1957	NIL
No. of houses demolished	28
No. of Closing Orders under Section 27 (2) of the Housing Act 1957, determined	NIL

Food and Drugs Act 1955

Food Premises

Number of food premises in the area by type of business is as follows:-

Butchers	27
Canteens	21
Dairies	8
Milkshops	37
Fishmongers & Poulterers	7
Greengrocers	13
Grocers & Confectioners	117
Restaurants & Cafes	28
Bakehouses	9

MEAT AND OTHER FOOD INSPECTION

Particulars of Animals Slaughtered

Slaughterhouse	Bulls	Steers	Cows	Heifers	Calves	Sheep	Pigs	Total
E. & G. Vernon West Street	-	239	-	139	2	826	514	1720

Weight of meat condemned

Beef	Mutton	Veal	Pork	Offal	Total
lbs.	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.
-	10	-	-	1871	2037

Other Foods Condemned

	Cwts.	lbs.
Canned Foods	1	96
Other Foods	12	61
	<u>14</u>	<u>45</u>

Carcases and Offal inspected and condemned in Part or Whole

	Cattle Ex. Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep	Pigs
Number killed	378	-	2	826	514
<u>All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticercosis</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	1	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	116	-	-	67	116
Percentage affected with disease other than Tuberculosis and Cysticercosis -					
1963	20.46	59.79	-	5.72	14.82
1964	23.81	41.66	-	5.81	14.28
1965	30.68	-	-	8.88	22.57
<u>Tuberculosis</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	7
Percentage affected with Tuberculosis -					
1963	Nil	Nil	-	-	0.595
1964	0.37	Nil	-	-	0.41
1965	Nil	-	-	-	1.36

Carcases and Offal inspected and condemned in Part or Whole (Continued)

	Cattle Ex. Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep	Pigs
<u>Cysticercosis</u>					
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	1	-	-	-	-
Carcases submitted for treatment by refrigeration	1	-	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Percentage affected with Cysticercosis -					
1963	Nil	4.12	-	-	-
1964	0.37	16.66	-	-	-
1965	0.26	-	-	-	-

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949

	TYPE OF PROPERTY				
	Non-Agricultural				(5) Agricultural
	(1) Local Authority	(2) Dwelling houses (inc. Council Houses)	(3) All other (inc. Business) Premises)	(4) Total of Columns (1), (2) and (3)	
Number of properties in Local Authority's District	37	6008	1078	7123	86
Total number of properties inspected as a result of notification	5	158	42	205	-
Number of such properties found to be infested by:-					
Common Rat Major	-	-	-	-	-
Minor	2	116	22	140	-
Ship Rat Major	-	-	-	-	-
Minor	-	-	-	-	-
House Mouse Major	-	-	-	-	-
Minor	3	29	20	52	-
Total number of properties inspected in the course of survey under the Act	28	185	383	596	48
Number of such properties found to be infested by:-					
Common Rat Major	-	-	-	-	-
Minor	24	73	205	302	33
Ship Rat Major	-	-	-	-	-
Minor	-	-	-	-	-
House Mouse Major	-	-	-	-	-
Minor	-	3	137	140	13
Number of infested properties treated by Local Authority	29	223	384	636	45

FACTORY ACT 1961

9 - INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health

Premises (1)	Number on Register (2)	Number of		
		Inspections (3)	Written Notices (4)	Occupiers prosecuted (5)
(i) Factories in which Sects. 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	-	-	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	156	9	1	-
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (ex. out- workers' premises)	-	-	-	-
Total	156	9	1	-

2 - Cases in which DEFECTS were found

Particulars (1)	No. of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted (6)
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	Referred		
			To H.M. Inspector (4)	By H.M. Inspector (5)	
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S.2)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable Temperature (S.3)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)					
(a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	4	5	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not inc. offences relating to outwork)	-	-	-	-	-
Total	4	5	-	-	-

OFFICES, SHOPS & RAILWAY PREMISES ACT 1963.

TABLE A - REGISTRATIONS AND GENERAL INSPECTIONS

Class of premises	Number of premises registered during the year.	Total number of registered premises at end of year.	Number of registered premises receiving a general inspection during the year.
Offices	1	38	Nil
Retail Shops	4	141	3
Wholesale shops, warehouses.	-	5	Nil
Catering establishments open to the public, canteens	1	8	1
Fuel storage depots	-	2	Nil
Totals	6	194	4

TABLE B - NUMBER OF VISITS OF ALL KINDS BY INSPECTORS

TO REGISTERED PREMISES

56

TABLE C - ANALYSIS OF PERSONS EMPLOYED IN
REGISTERED PREMISES BY WORKPLACE

Class of workplace	Number of persons employed
(1)	(2)
Offices	226
Retail Shops	463
Wholesale, departments, warehouses	23
Catering establishments open to the public	64
Canteens	-
Fuel storage depots	11
Total	787
Total Males	335
Total Females	452

